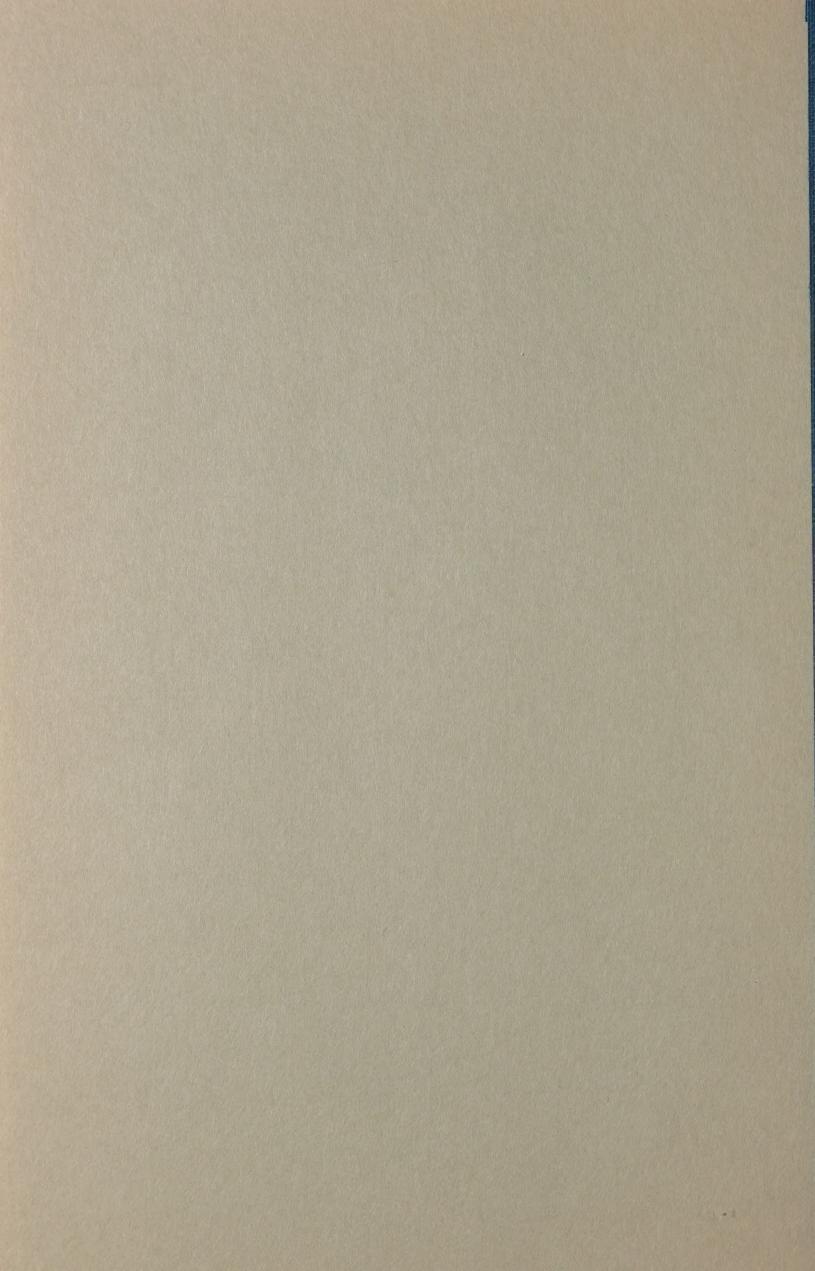


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THIS WORLDES JOIE.

Circa 1300.

Wynter wakeneth al my care,
Nou this leves' waxeth bare;
Ofte I sike² ant mourne sare
When hit cometh in my thoht
Of this worldes joie, hou hit goth al to noht.

Nou hit is, ant nou hit nys?
Al so hit ner nere? ywys
That moni mon seith, soth⁵ hit ys:
Al goth bote⁶ Godes wille:
Alle we shule deye, thah⁷ us like ylle.

Al that gren me graueth grene
Nou hit faleweth⁸ albydene⁹:
Jesu, help that hit be sene
Ant shild us from helle!
For y not whide¹⁰ y shal, ne hou longe her duelle⁴.

Modern Version.

Winter wakeneth all my care,
Now these leaves waxeth bare;
Oft I sigh and mourne sare
When it cometh in my thought
Of this world's joy, how it go'th all to nought.

Now it is and now it nis,
All so it ne'er were, I wis;
That many man saith, sooth it is:
All go'th botë Godës will:
All we shall die, though us like ill.

All that green me groweth green

Now it fadeth albydene:

Jesu, help that it be seen

And shield us from hell!

For I (know) not whither I shall, nor how long here dwell.

² Sike . . . sigh

⁸ Nys . . . is not

⁴ Al so hit ner nere . as though it had never been

⁵ Soth . . . sooth

⁶ Bote . . . but, except

⁷ Thah . . . though

8 Faleweth . . fadeth
9 Albydene . . altogether

1 This leves . . . these leaves

10 Y not whider . . I know not whither

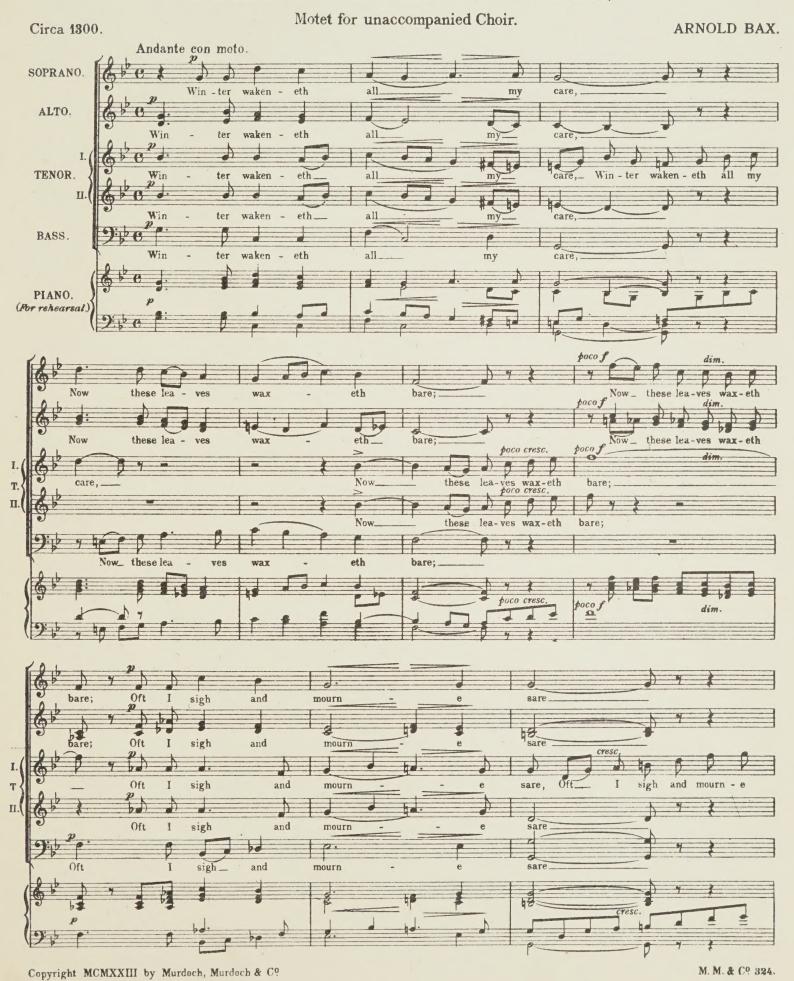
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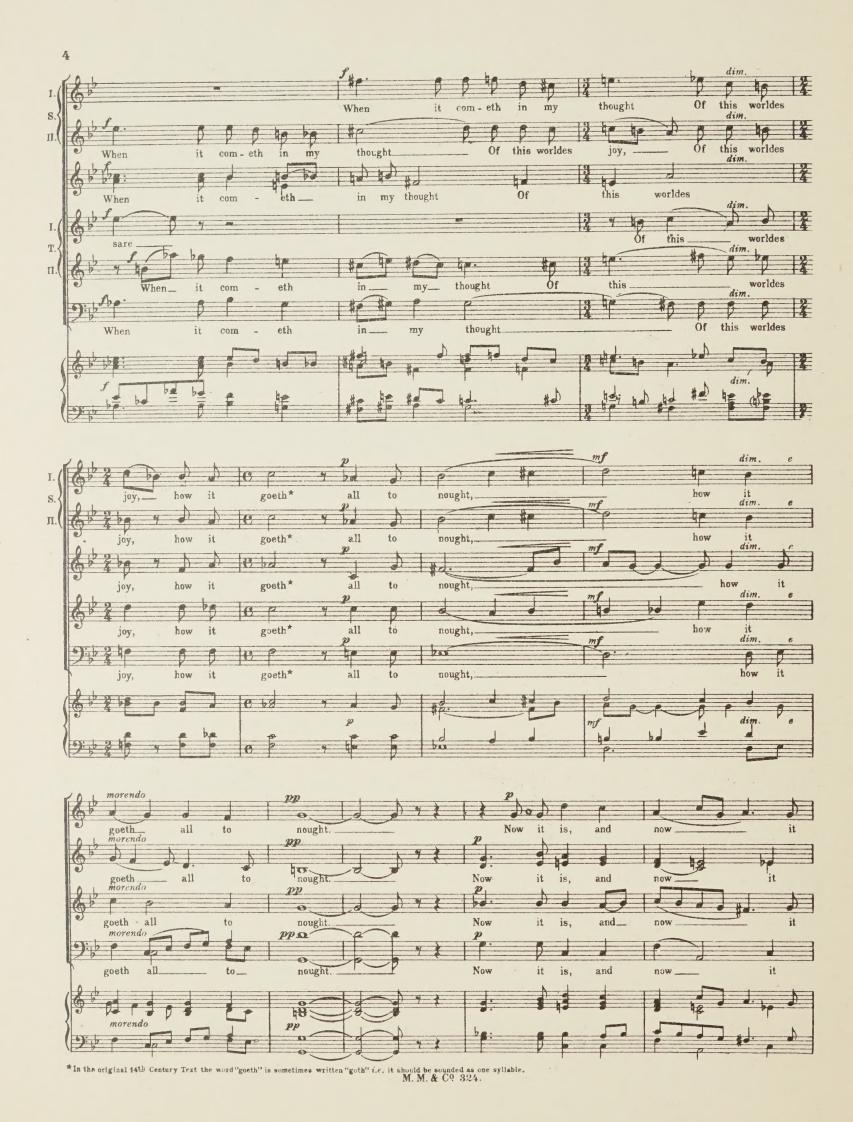


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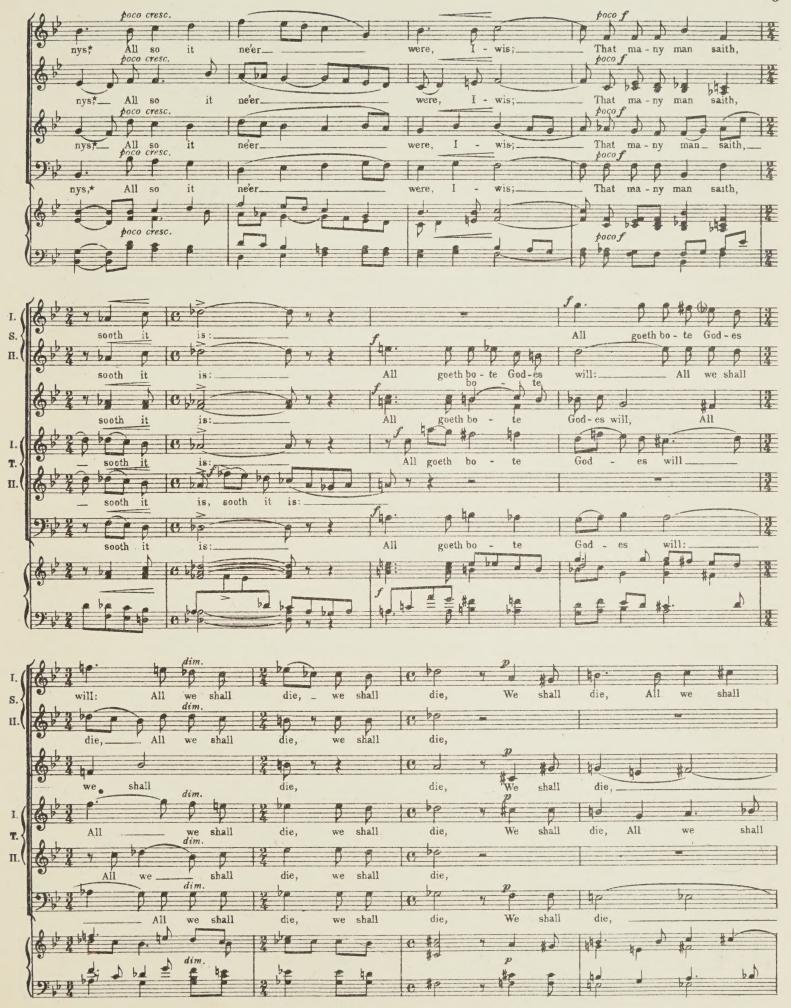
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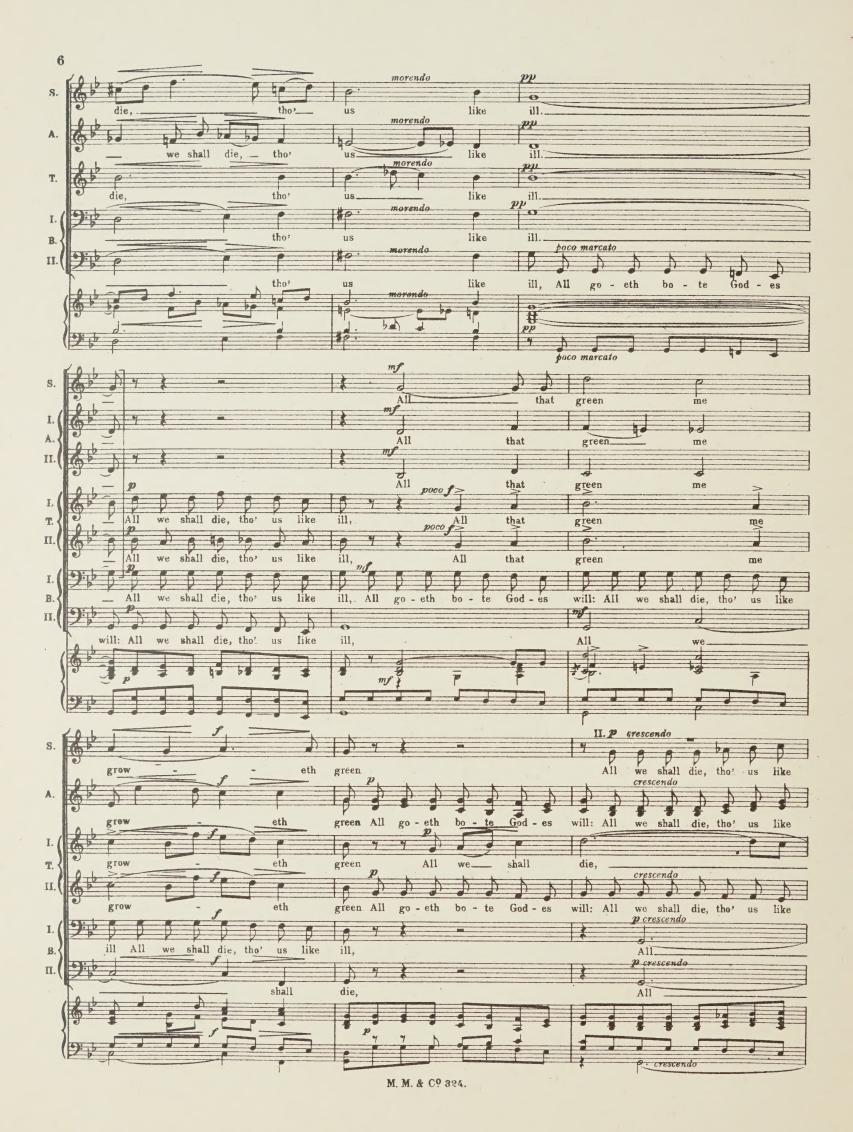




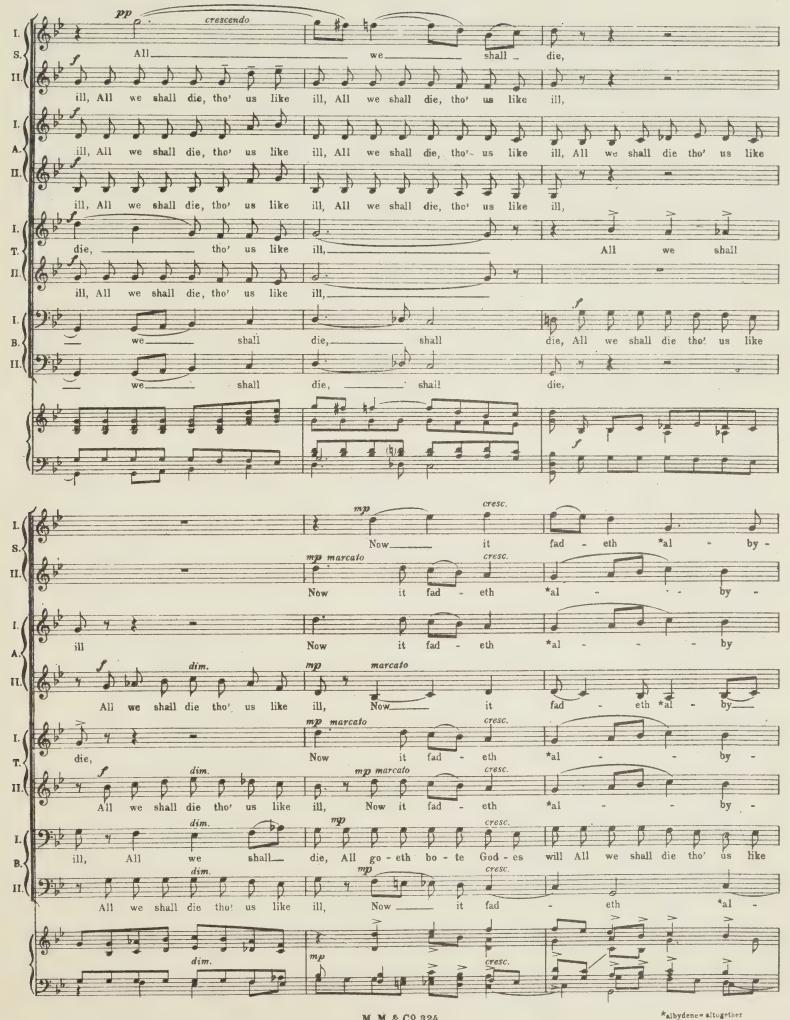


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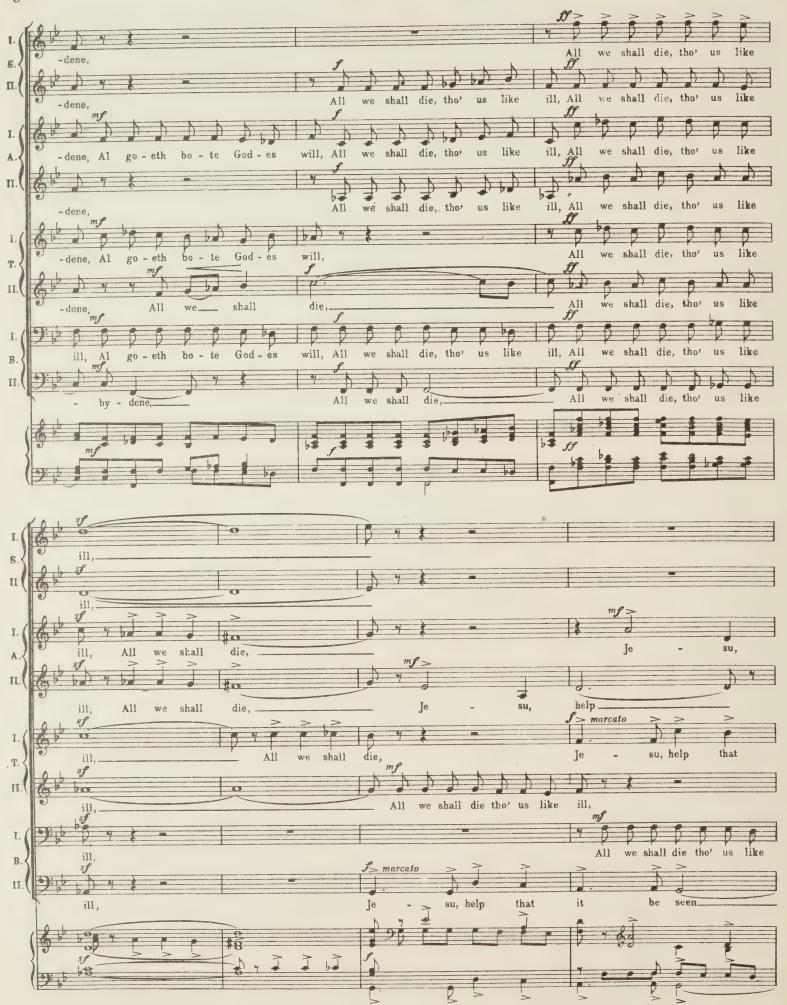
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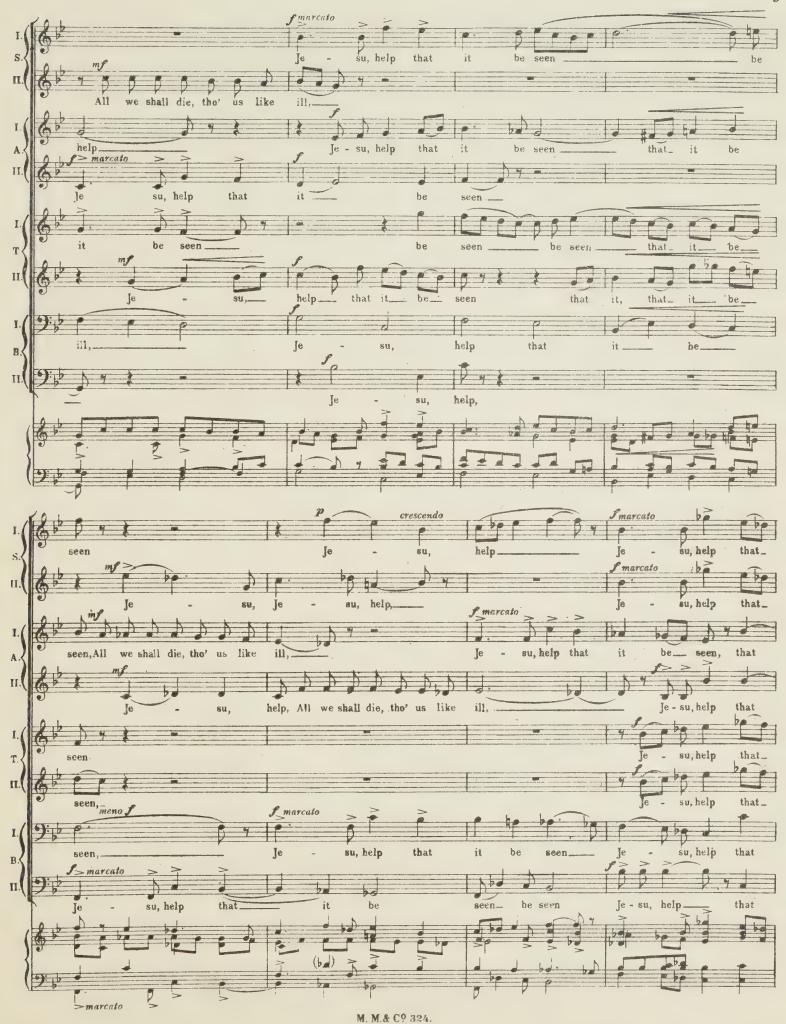


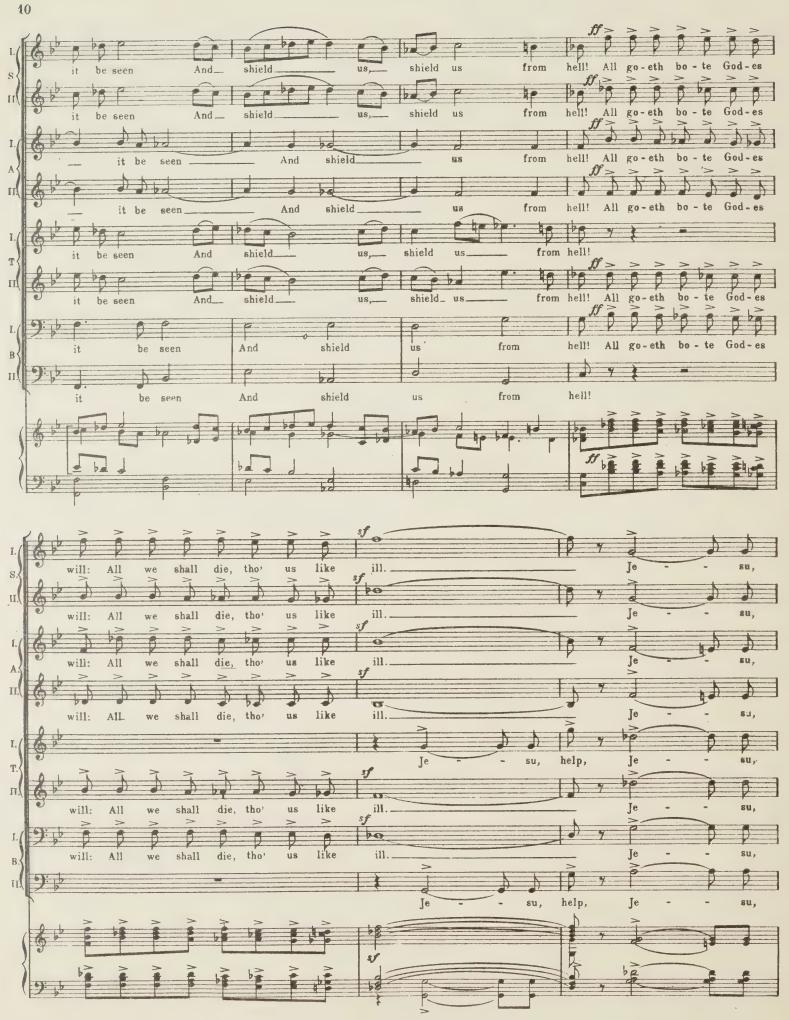


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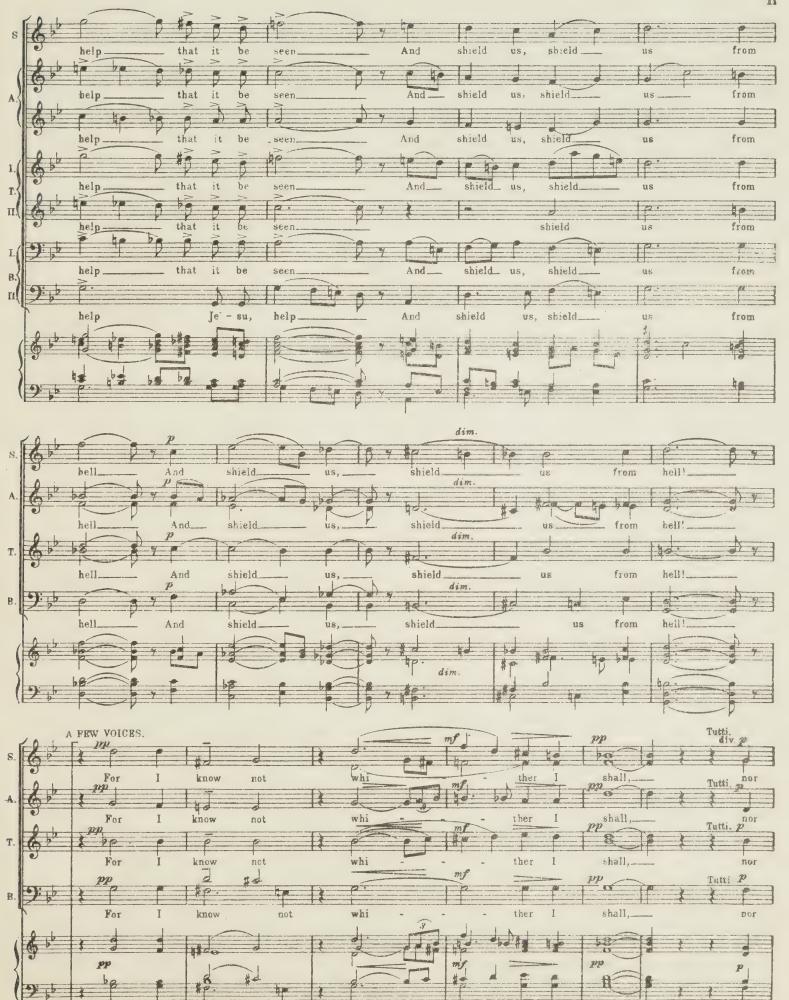
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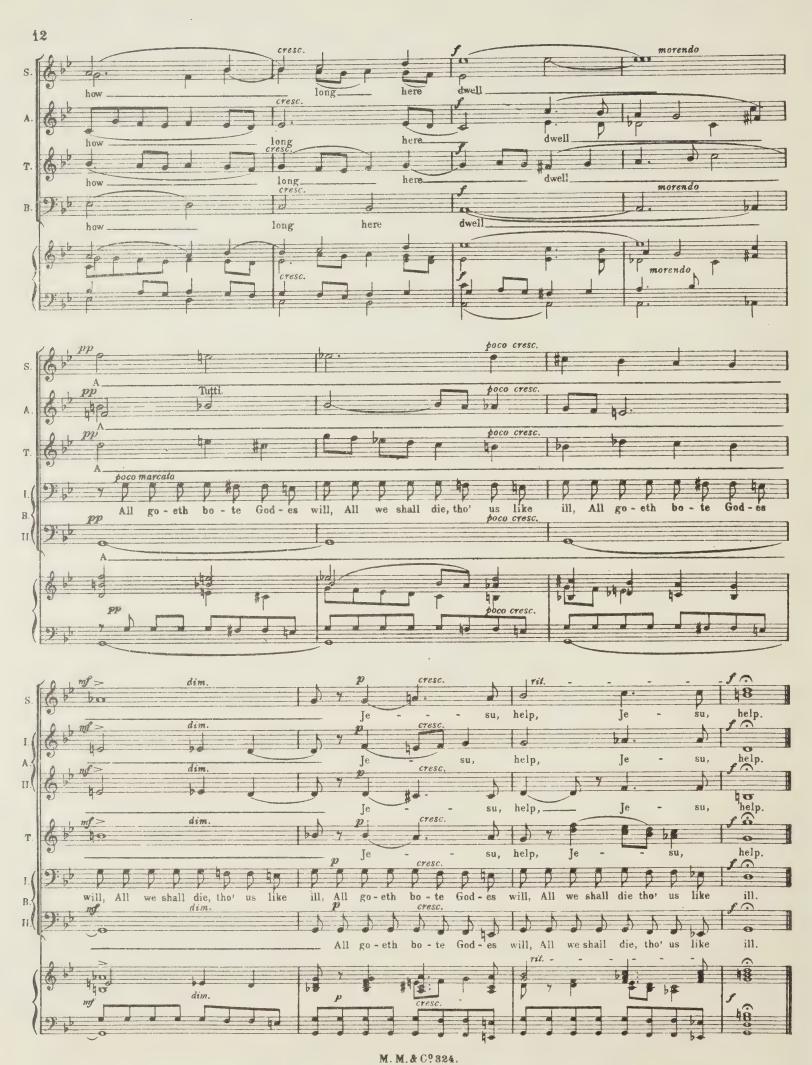


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